

LSTC Green Zone:

Report of Activities for 2006-2007

Meetings: Green Zone committee meetings were held once a month during the months of September, October, and November. At these meetings approximately six to eight students and faculty gathered to discuss how LSTC continues its journey as a Green Zone seminary.

Blessing of the Animals. In early October, the Green Zone group planned a blessing of the animals during an LSTC chapel service. This is one of the most popular events that Green Zone plans for the community. The event was well received by LSTC students, families, staff, and faculty members.

Inconvenient Truth. In October Green Zone sponsored a showing of the film on global warming, *An Inconvenient Truth*. This event was attended by approximately 30 LSTC students and their families plus members of other seminaries in Hyde Park.

Covenant with Creation. Green Zone sponsored a worship service in October that gave LSTC members an opportunity to make a covenant with creation to identify actions they will take on behalf of creation. During J-Term, Green Zone planned a chapel worship service.

Public Lectures. The focus of Green Zone during the spring semester revolved around planning two major lectures for the LSTC community. The first lecture on “Global Warming” was delivered by Dr. Raymond Pierrehumbert from Geo-Physics Department of the University of Chicago. The second lecture was held during earth week in April and was presented by Dr. Dwight Hopkins of the Divinity School at the University of

Chicago on “Ecological Justice/ Environmental Racism.” This lecture was attended by over 120 people.

Senior Dinner. Dr. Pierrehumbert’s lecture followed LSTC’s Green Zone dinner for graduates in all programs. This dinner provides students with resources that will assist their ministry in ways that affirm creation.

Earth Week. Green Zone planned worship for the LSTC community during Earth Week in April. The major worship service on Wednesday was “The Greening of the Cross.”

Green Zone Workers: Ron Strobel and Heidi Murken served as the Green Zone workers for this year. Dan Durbin and Jason Chesnut will serve as Green Zone workers for the 2007-2008 academic year.